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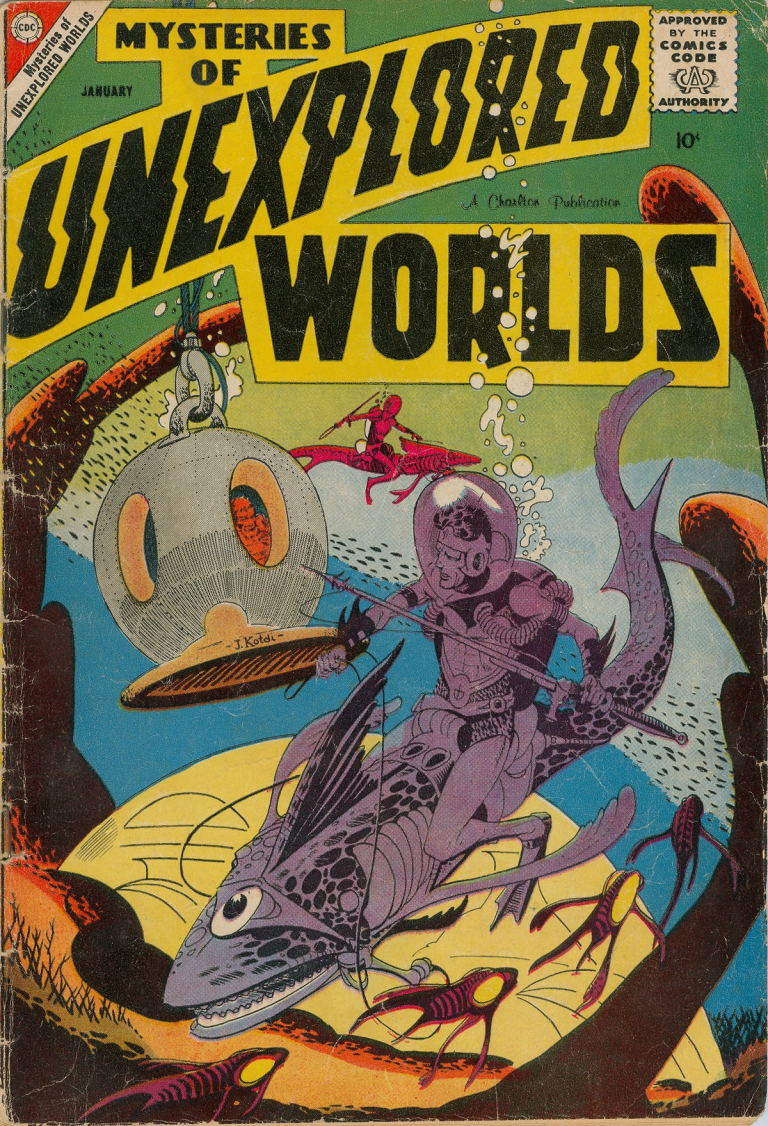
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as I
just
did!

YOU CAN
WIN
a BIG 15"
SILVER CUP
as I just did!
with YOUR
NAME
engraved
on it!



JIM NORMAN

AFTER

He Mailed Coupon
Below is Cleveland

BEFORE

He Mailed Coupon



90 lb.
Skeleton

He says,
I gained
70 lbs.
of mighty
muscle

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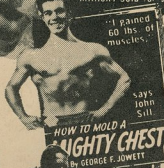
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NEW CHANCES for BUSINESS SUCCESS

BEFORE

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ALL 5
FREE

1

2

3

4

5

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PROUD
to be
seen
with
Jim
NOW!
Every-
body
admires
his build," says Nellie.
"Jim can lift the front
of a 2700 lb. car.
He amazes his friends!"

You'll be
A Real
ATHLETE
in ALL
SPORTS
Soon
after
YOU
mail
Coupon.

Jim is a WINNER
in ALL SPORTS NOW.
YOU will be, too, soon.

COME ON, PAL, NOW YOU give me
10 PLEASANT MINUTES A DAY
IN YOUR OWN HOME like Jim did
and I'll give YOU a NEW HE-MAN BODY
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G. G. SHANNON WAS A MAN WHO DROVE HIMSELF HARDER THAN HE DROVE THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR HIM - BUT THE TENSION WAS GETTING HIM AND HIS DOCTOR'S WARNING WAS EMPHATIC...

THIS MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE TO WARN YOU, MR. SHANNON! I STRONGLY ADVISE A VACATION, PERHAPS A SEA VOYAGE!

BOSH! BREAKDOWNS ARE FOR WEAKLINGS! I'M A STRONG MAN, WON'T WEAKEN - I HAVE NO TIME FOR VACATIONS!

I'M DUE AT A MERGER MEETING RIGHT NOW - I'VE GOT TO SEND FOR MY LIMOUSINE! THAT'S ALL, DOCTOR, I'LL MAIL YOU A CHECK!

G. G. SHANNON, ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST INDUSTRIALISTS, GOT INTO HIS PRIVATE ELEVATOR TO DESCEND TO THE STREET... INSIDE HE FELT VERTIGO, THEN HE SAW HIMSELF IN A SWIRLING PIT... FALLING...

VOYAGE NOWHERE

TO

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YOU'RE TAKING THE VOYAGE AS I SUGGESTED AFTER ALL, MR. SHANNON!

SUDDENLY, THE VERTIGO WAS GONE... G.G. SHANNON SAW THE ELEVATOR DOOR OPEN AND PROCEEDED TOWARD THE STREET!

PLEASANT VOYAGE, SIR!

THE SHIP IS READY TO SAIL, MR. SHANNON!

YES—HURRY, DOCTOR! I MUST NOT MISS IT!

GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD, SIR! WE WILL CAST OFF AT ONCE!

THE SHIP WAS THE MOST LUXURIOUS G.G. SHANNON HAD EVER SEEN... IT MOVED DOWN RIVER AND OUT OF THE BAY, SMOOTHLY, SILENTLY...

THERE'S AN INTERESTING LOOKING PASSENGER! SHE LOOKS TIRED, THO! I WONDER IF SHE HAD TO TAKE THIS VOYAGE FOR HER HEALTH? I THINK I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF!

I BEG YOUR PARDON, MAM... MY NAME IS SHANNON... I'M...HEY!

NO! NO! GET AWAY FROM ME!



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SHANNON HAD NO IDEA WHY THE FADING BEAUTY WAS AFRAID OF HIM— BUT HE HAD A HORRIBLE PREMONITION AS HE HURRIED TOWARD HIS ROOM AND A MIRROR...

I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG! IT MUST BE...

...MY FACE!

IT'S ALL SO UNREAL! SO HORRIBLE! WHY AM I ABOARD THIS VESSEL? WHERE ARE WE BOUND? WHO ARE THE OTHER PEOPLE I SAW? THAT WOMAN? I'LL SEE THE CAPTAIN!

SHANNON WENT TO THE BRIDGE... THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE WHEEL— IT WAS TURNING, STEERING BY ITSELF! AND THE SHIP'S BELL WAS MARKING THE HOUR!

DING DING DING

NO ONE IS HERE— THE ONLY MEMBER I'VE SEEN SO FAR IS THE CAPTAIN!

YOU WISHED TO SEE ME, SHANNON? YOU HAVE A QUESTION, PERHAPS?

WHAT'S GOING ON ABOARD THIS SHIP? WHERE'S YOUR CREW? WHO'S STEERING AND WHAT CAUSES THAT BELL TO RING BY ITSELF?

EVEN THE OCEAN IS UNREAL! THERE ARE NO WAVES, NO WIND, NO STORMS! WHAT KIND OF A VOYAGE IS THIS? WHERE ARE WE BOUND?

BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

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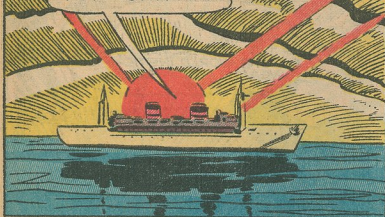
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THIS IS THE VOYAGE YOU REFUSED TO TAKE
WHEN YOUR DOCTOR ADVISED ONE, SHANNON!
AS FOR OUR DESTINATION, I DO NOT KNOW!
AS FOR STORMS...



TERRIFIED, THE STUNNED TYCOON RAN FOR
THE SALON—IT WAS EMPTY BUT FOR THAT
SAME WOMAN! HER FACE WAS LESS TENSE,
SHE WAS NOT AFRAID...

YOU...YOU
FEARED ME
BEFORE!
AREN'T YOU
AFRAID OF
THE
STORM?

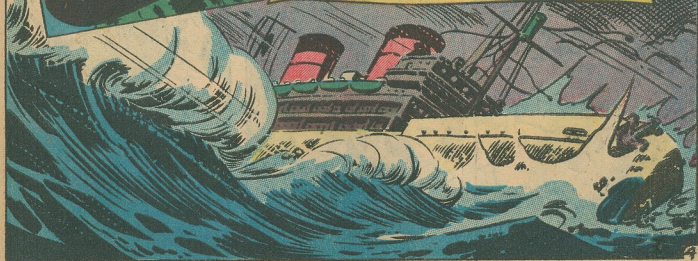
I'VE LOST
MY FEAR,
SIR! AS
FOR THE
STORM...

IT ONLY EXISTS FOR
YOU! I AM NEARING
THE END OF MY
JOURNEY! BUT YOU,
MY FRIEND, HAVE A
LONG WAY TO GO!

YOU HAVE MY PITY,
MY FRIEND! THERE IS
TIME—YOU CAN CHANGE
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

THE WINDS SHRIEKED AND THE SEAS MOUNTED!
G.G. SHANNON, TYCOON, WAS HELPLESS! HE
HAD TO WAIT... TO ENDURE AND PRAY!

...THEY CAN BE ARRANGED,
MY DEAR SHANNON!



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SHANNON, THE SELF-MADE MAN, SHANNON, THE POWER IN WALL STREET, LEARNED HUMILITY IN THE TIME THAT FOLLOWED! HE SAW NO ONE... HE SPOKE NO WORDS! BUT THE STORM RAGING AROUND HIM SEEMED TO DRAW THE POISON FROM HIS SOUL!

I WAS TOO ARROGANT—
I NEVER ALLOWED FOR
WEAKNESS IN OTHERS
OR MYSELF! IF I EVER
GET BACK IT WILL BE
DIFFERENT!

I'VE MADE ENOUGH MONEY!
IN THE TIME I'D HAVE LEFT,
I'D TRY TO MAKE HAPPINESS
FOR THE WORLD INSTEAD OF
WEALTH FOR MYSELF!

SHANNON'S
FACE GREW
CALMER, THE
TENSION WAS
GONE! STILL SMILING, A
GREAT CALM DESCENDED...
AND HIS EYES CLOSED IN
SLEEP...

LOOK! HE'S
GOING TO PULL THRU!
HE'S PAST THE CRISIS!

WHAT WAS
WRONG WITH
HIM, DOCTOR?
HE WAS IN A
COMA FOR
DAYS!

WE'LL
NEVER KNOW
NURSE!
BUT I DO
KNOW THIS...

HE HAD ALL
THE SYMPTOMS
OF SEVERE SEA-
SICKNESS FOR MOST
OF THAT TIME! WHEREVER
HIS MIND WANDERED,
IT WAS A STORMY
VOYAGE!

THE
END

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OGGO the THINKER

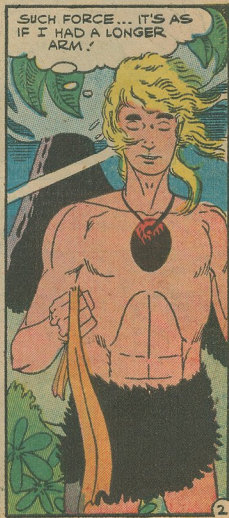
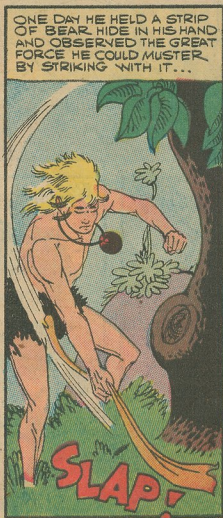
THE PARENTS OF OGGO WONDERED ABOUT THEIR BOY... HE DIDN'T SEEM TO CARE FOR HUNTING AND FIGHTING LIKE HIS BROTHERS...



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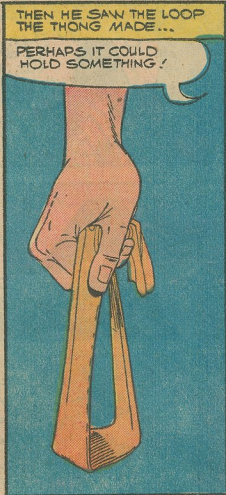
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IF IT HAD A HAND AT THE
END OF IT, IT WOULD BE
LIKE A STRONG LONG ARM!

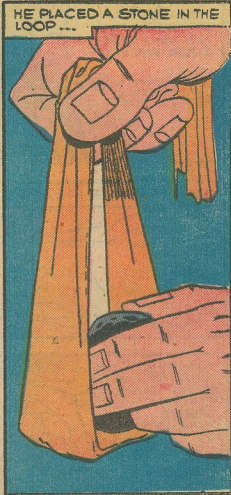


THEN HE SAW THE LOOP
THE THONG MADE...

PERHAPS IT COULD
HOLD SOMETHING!

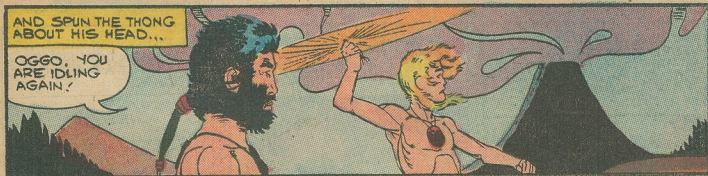


HE PLACED A STONE IN THE
LOOP...

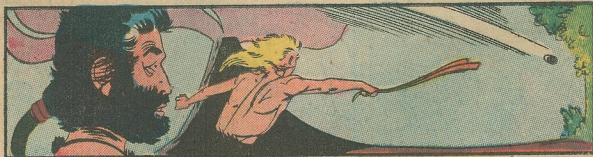


AND SPUN THE THONG
ABOUT HIS HEAD...

OGGO, YOU
ARE IDLING
AGAIN!

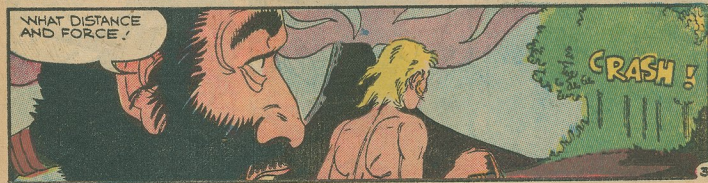


HE HURLED
THE STONE
INTO THE
DISTANT
FOREST--
FURTHER
THAN ANY
STRONG MAN
COULD THROW!
OGGO HAD
DISCOVERED
THE SLING...

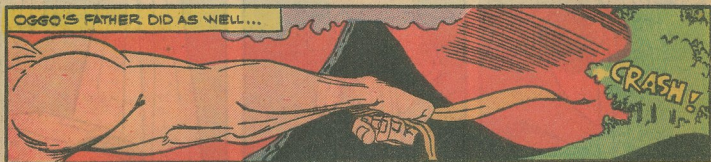


WHAT DISTANCE
AND FORCE!

CRASH!



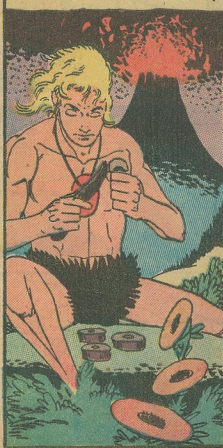
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THOUGH CHEERED BY THE FACT HIS FATHER NOW RESPECTED THE BOY, OGGO FELT DISMAYED THAT HIS SLING WAS TO BE USED FOR KILLING...

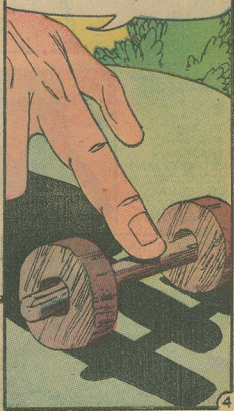


ONE DAY HE TURNED TO ORNAMENT AND BEGAN TO CARVE OUT SHAPES HE HAD SEEN IN FLOWERS...



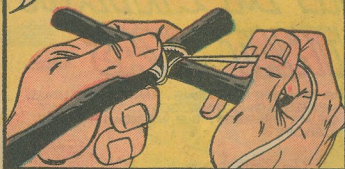
AS HE IDLED WITH THEM, HE NOTICED HOW THEY ROLLED WHEN HE PUT A PIECE OF WOOD THROUGH THEM...

IT SUPPORTS MY FINGER AS IT MOVES!

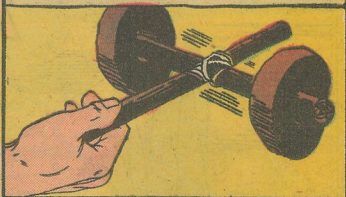


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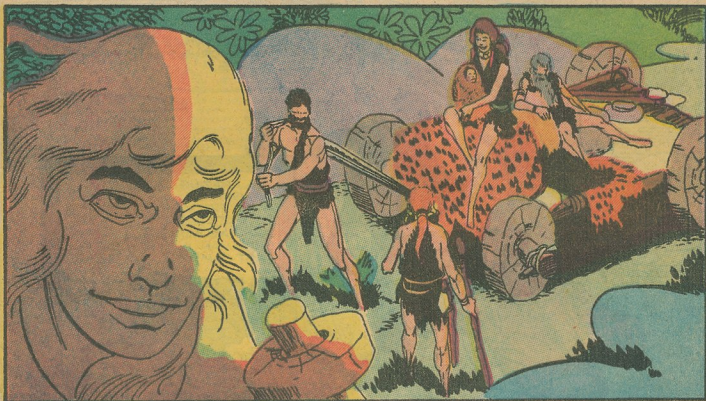
I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING BETTER HERE THAN A MERE ORNAMENT...



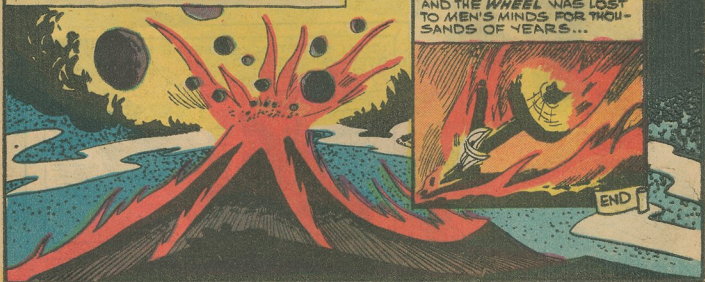
AS HE MOVED THE OBJECT BACK AND FORTH, OGGO FELT HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF A GREAT DISCOVERY...



OGGO DREAMED OF BIGGER OBJECTS -- OBJECTS THAT COULD EASILY CARRY PEOPLE...



BUT BEFORE HE COULD PUT HIS GREAT IDEA INTO PRACTICAL EFFECT, FATE INTERVENED. A GREAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION BLASTED THE LAND, WIPING OUT OGGO AND HIS TRIBE...



AND THE WHEEL WAS LOST TO MEN'S MINDS FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS...



END

THE MOUNTAIN THAT WAS

AS FEW MEN HAVE DONE, HANSON AND LEWIS WERE NEARING THEIR GOAL... THE SUMMIT OF MT. EVEREST, THE WORLD'S HIGHEST SLOPE!

WE SHOULD MAKE IT THIS MORNING, LEWIS.

NOTHING WILL STOP US NOW.

IT'S AMAZING... WE SAW SO MANY TRACKS OF THAT LEGENDARY 'ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN' IN OUR LAST CAMP.

OF COURSE, BUT IT'S SOME SORT OF A BEAR!

LOOK! MORE TRACKS! THEY'VE NEVER BEEN REPORTED SO HIGH BEFORE.

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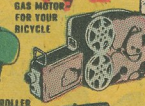
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BE NOT
AFRAID.
EARTH-
MAN!

W-WHO
ARE
YOU?

WE ARE FROM THE PLANET
CRITOS IN THE SOLAR
SYSTEM OF ALPHA
CENTAURI.

WHAT DO YOU WISH
WITH US? WE ARE
MERELY CLIMBING
THIS MOUNTAIN
FOR SPORT.

WE WISH TO WARN YOU
TO DEPART FROM THIS
PLACE AT ONCE...WE
ARE ABOUT TO DEPART
THIS 'WORLD.'

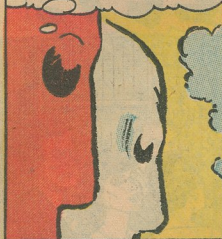
WHAT IS THAT BE-
NEATH THE SNOW
AND ROCK THAT
SHINES LIKE
METAL?

THAT IS OUR SPACE SHIP
WHICH WE HAVE BEEN
REPAIRING FOR THE PAST
4000 OF YOUR
EARTH YEARS...

4000
YEARS!

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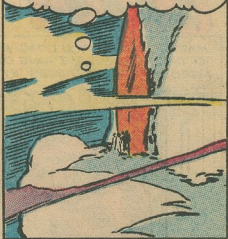
YES, WE CAMOUFLAGED IT AS THE NEIGHBORING MOUNTAINS SO THAT WE COULD WORK UNMOLESTED IN THE INTERIOR! NOW WE MUST LEAVE EARTH...



BUT CAN'T YOU TELL US MORE... ABOUT YOUR TELEPATHY COMMUNICATION WITH US... YOUR WORLD...



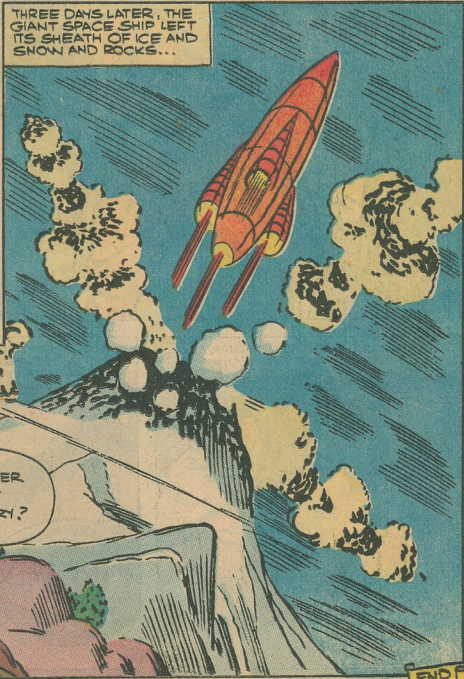
WE MAY COME AT A LATER TIME, BUT THAT WOULD BE CENTURIES FROM NOW... WE SHALL GIVE YOU THREE OF YOUR DAYS TO RETREAT FROM HERE! FAREWELL!



FAREWELL, MEN FROM CRITOS!



THREE DAYS LATER, THE GIANT SPACE SHIP LEFT ITS SHEATH OF ICE AND SNOW AND ROCKS...



THERE IT GOES, LEWIS... NO MORE "MT. EVEREST"!

I WONDER WHO WILL BELIEVE OUR STORY?

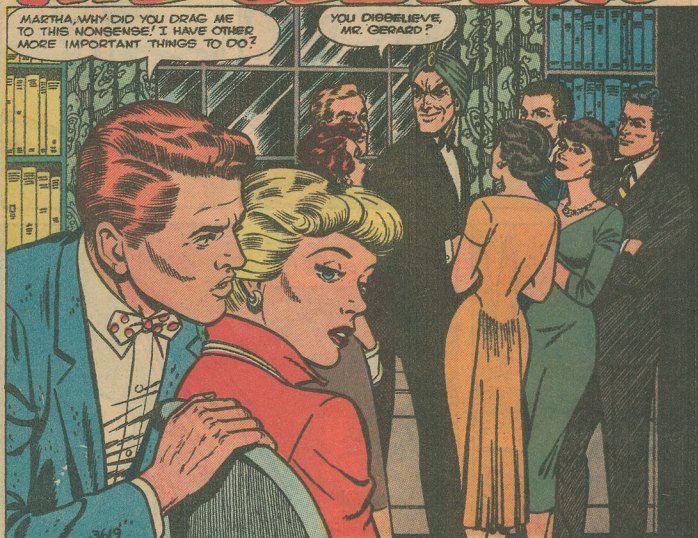


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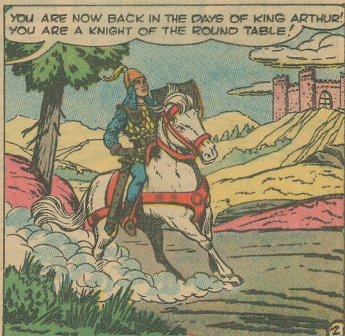
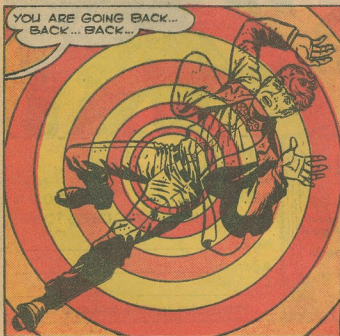
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IT IS EASY TO RIDICULE AND DISBELIEVE, BUT GERARD LAUGHED ALOUD UNTIL HE WAS CALLED UPON TO BE...

THE SUBJECT!



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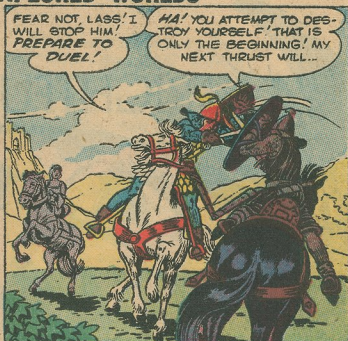
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FRIGHTFUL FEARS

How long is an hour? That sort of seems like a silly question to ask, because the chances are that you are going to quickly answer: Sixty minutes. Now how long is a minute? You will tell me: Sixty seconds. But think for a little while about the idea of time. All you have told me is that an hour can be subdivided into sixty parts. And that a minute can also be subdivided into sixty parts. Often when we are asked to explain something we just give it another name and think that everything is now answered.

So let's use some common sense about the idea of time. If you are having a wonderful time, then an hour goes very quickly. But if you should be bored and annoyed, even ten minutes can seem a year. I guess most of us have had the kind of experience with which we can do without. I once had a big stock of wavy black hair. I have the hair and it's still wavy, but it has turned completely snow white.

My brother, Frank and I went to high school together. We were in the same grade. He did well with the academic course. I just couldn't do algebra or learn French. I wanted to work with my hands. I had built a ship's model that took first place in the school contest. So with the permission of my parents and of the principal, I shifted to the trade course.

When I graduated from high school I took an extra year in a trade school. Then I served as an apprentice with an excellent mechanic. By the time I was twenty-three I was earning never less than a hundred dollars a week. I had my own car and when you are single money can go a long way.

Then I heard that the Winston Chemical Company was looking for first class mechanics. I communicated with them and an interview was arranged. First I met their personnel manager. Then I met my supervisor. His name was Bill Jenkins and was about twenty years my senior.

"Dave Garten you look like a fellow who is going to go places. Some might say you are a bit young for the job. But I think I know a good man when I see one."

So I gave my boss notice, packed my things and left my home town. I had a room in a private home and ate my meals out. But only at the start. Bill Jenkins liked me a lot. He invited me to his house. I didn't have the slightest idea he had such a pretty daughter as Alida. So I came again and again. Then the two of us went out. We sort of had an understanding.

I opened a special savings account and put my overtime checks in it. Alida began to save up for the wedding trousseau. Without just saying it, we knew we would get married the coming June. What more could a fellow ask for? — a good job, his future father-in-law as his supervisor and a wonderful girl. The world was mine. I felt fine.

Look, let's get this straight. I'm not a superstitious guy. I know a lot of people are that way. They will tell you: Beware when things look wonderful and easy. That's the time trouble is around the corner. But I have enough sense in my head to understand that a lot of people over the centuries have felt that way.

Then several events happened that scared me. It looked as though disaster was aiming straight for me, but only to turn around at the last second. Take the day I drove out with Alida to Crescent Beach. We were going south on highway 23a. We passed a field with beautiful flowers.

"Slow down a second, Dave," suggested Alida. "I just want to look at those pretty flowers."

That I did and it saved our lives. For a car coming north on the road went out of control. It jumped the lane and smashed into the car ahead which was going at a fast speed. We did our best to help the people and the state troopers came in a few minutes. Then they sent out

the call for the ambulances.

I broke into a cold sweat. Alida wanted to know what was wrong.

"If I hadn't slowed down," I pointed out to her, "when you asked me to do so, we would have been the victims."

That was event number one. Let me tell you about the second event. I went window shopping on Main Street — taking a look at the displays in some of the fine jewelry stores. I was thinking of getting Alida an engagement ring. I knew I didn't have the cash to meet the price tag I saw on one ring, but something inside of me sort of said: Go in anyway.

I went to the back of the store. I must have taken only half a minute at the most, but just then a big cornice stone fell down from the roof of the building. It crashed just where I had been standing. I suffered from shock and fainted. The realization that Death had almost claimed me was just too much for me to take.

The third event happened right down in the basement of the house in which Alida lived. Bill Jenkins was looking for some documents. So I helped him go through two very old trunks. Then he lifted an old pistol up from the bottom of the trunk.

"Ever tell you that my great grandfather was a colonel in the army of the Confederate States of America?" he began. "I remember this gun. It's broken — an old cap and ball affair."

Then like a young kid he began to wave it. I had enough sense to remind him of something.

"You are right," he replied. "Sorry for acting like a kid."

He did something he could never explain and in one second of carelessness. He threw the pistol into the trunk and somehow I ducked. There was a loud blast as a solid lead ball went in the direction of where my head had been — just one second before!

No, I didn't faint. I just remained there as though in a trance. Three times Death had been so close that only the time interval of about a second accounted for the fact that I was alive. I got up and went upstairs. Alida saw something was wrong and her father explained. She cried and hugged me tight.

"I don't want anything to happen to you. Please be careful."

I was exceedingly careful for the next month. Then it began at 3:30 on a Wednesday afternoon. We had four glass lined chemical tanks out in the yard. Each was separated from the other by one hundred feet of dirt and gravel. Each tank was about twenty-five feet in diameter and about one hundred feet in length. Bill Jenkins wanted to go down into tank number two to test the filter. The tanks were empty. In an hour they would start to fill them

up with acid. He looked pale.

"What's the matter?" I asked.

"I feel a bit dizzy," he replied.

"So sit down," I suggested. "All I have to do is open the top of the tank. Go down the rope ladder, flash the light and see if the filter is clean. I'll be back in a jiffy."

I opened the top of the tank and climbed down slowly to the bottom of the tank. I flashed the light. The filter was o.k. Then I stumbled. My light fell from my hand and went out. I was in the dark. I reached for the rope ladder but couldn't find it!

I got so scared I can hardly describe it. What if Bill Jenkins had fainted and they took him away? He wouldn't tell them where I was and they would start to fill the tanks. I began to shiver and go to pieces. Then it happened. A peculiar sort of bluish light hit the inside of the tank. I saw another person — my duplicate.

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" questioned the other me. "You can see your searchlight right next to your left foot. Pick it up and push the switch. Then go directly to your right and you will find the ladder."

Automatically I did exactly what I was told. I climbed up quickly and there was Bill Jenkins out cold! I lifted him and carried him to the clinic. Just in time it seemed to save his life. He had a mild attack but alone he would have died. Then the doctor took one look at me.

"Your hair is completely white. What happened?"

Is there an answer to all of this? I wrote to my brother and related everything to him. He informed me that he had been having dreams I was in trouble. Could it be that somehow his astral body came to help me? Or was the other "me" just a projection of myself. One psychologist suggested my Ego and I were talking to each other. As a religious man I think I would prefer to say that somehow I was warned that there was no danger to myself. I'm not saying by whom or even how.

All this took place five years ago. Alida and I were married and we now have two children. But still a lot of things happen to me that best can be described as "close shaves." There was the day I agreed to work in the mixing plant. But my younger baby was sick so I went home. The mixing plant blew up. Then last year there was the affair with the MARY-Q. That's the fishing boat that turned over. I was supposed to be on it. When I got to the pier the boat had pulled out. It didn't come back for me. It never came back.

I no longer have frightful fears. I accept all this calmly, but still . . . I wish I knew what it was all about?

—THE END—

THE STRANGE RETURN

THE DIGGINGS ARE PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE, PROFESSOR!

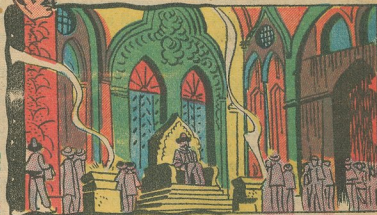
YES, DANIEL...

DANIEL RASHID'S LONG-HELD AMBITION WAS AT LAST BEING REALIZED... TO TAKE PART IN EXCAVATING THE SITE OF AN ANCIENT CITY IN IRAN, WHICH IS MODERN PERSIA... A COUNTRY FROM WHICH HIS OWN ANCESTORS HAD COME!

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IN A FEW DAYS, WE SHOULD BE DOWN TO THE GREAT CENTRAL HALL OF KING DARIUS' PALACE!

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"TRADERS CAME FROM MANY PARTS OF THE KNOWN WORLD, TO PRESENT THEIR RAREST TREASURES TO THE PERSIAN KING..."

WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING IF WE COULD FIND SOME OF THAT GREAT TREASURE, PROFESSOR!

WE WOULD HAVE TO TURN IT OVER TO THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT IT WOULD BE A THRILLING DISCOVERY!



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THEN, ONE DAY, WHEN MUCH OF THE ANCIENT PALACE AND OTHER BUILDINGS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, DANIEL RASHID WENT EXPLORING ON HIS OWN...



SOMETHING SEEMS TO BE DRAWING ME INTO THE PALACE!



YES, THERE IS A NARROW PASSAGE HERE! BUT HOW DID I KNOW THAT? I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE!

HE FOLLOWED THE PASSAGE LIKE A MAN WALKING IN HIS OWN HOME! AND SUDDENLY...

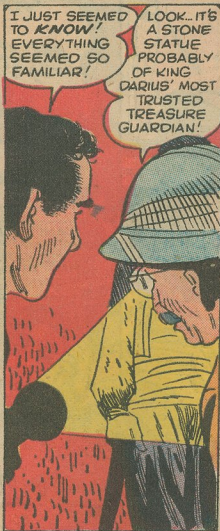


THE TREASURE CHAMBER! I MUST BRING THE PROFESSOR HERE!



YES, IT'S THE TREASURE OF KING DARIUS, ALL RIGHT! BUT HOW DID YOU FIND IT SO EASILY?

I DON'T KNOW, PROFESSOR!



I JUST SEEMED TO KNOW! EVERYTHING SEEMED SO FAMILIAR!

LOOK... IT'S A STONE STATUE PROBABLY OF KING DARIUS' MOST TRUSTED TREASURE GUARDIAN!



IT'S FACE! WHY, IT LOOKS EXACTLY... LIKE ME!

THAT'S THE ANSWER! AN ANCIENT MEMORY WAS STIRRED WHEN YOU STOOD BY THE PALACE! KING DARIUS' TREASURE GUARD... WAS YOUR ANCIENT ANCESTOR!

END

"A LITTLE GREEN MAN IS HERE"

BRUCE CASWELL, ABLE SCIENCE-FICTION WRITER, FOUND IT RATHER DIFFICULT TO WORK AT HOME WHEN HIS 4-YEAR OLD SON DEMANDED HIS ATTENTION...

HOW IN BLAZES CAN I WRITE WHEN YOU KEEP PESTERING ME, TOMMY?

CAN'T YOU PLAY WITH ME, DADDY?

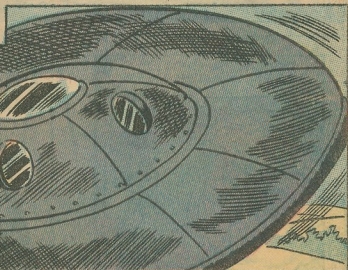
THIS EVENING, SONNY, BUT DADDY HAS TO WORK NOW...

CAN'T YOU PLAY WITH ME NOW, DADDY?

(GROAN!) I WISH YOUR MOTHER WOULD COME HOME FROM TOWN!

ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY WITH ME NOW, DADDY?

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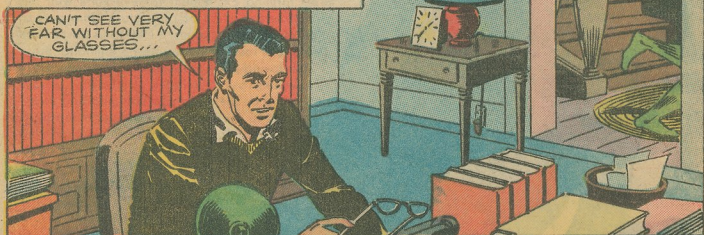
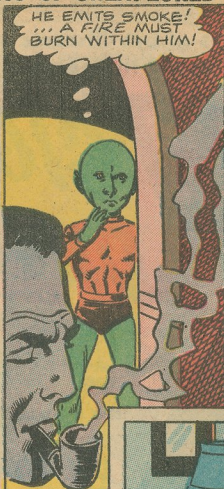
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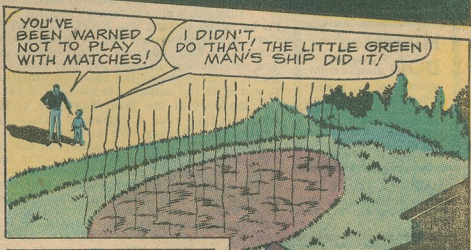
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ANSWER:
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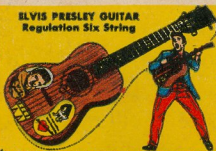


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